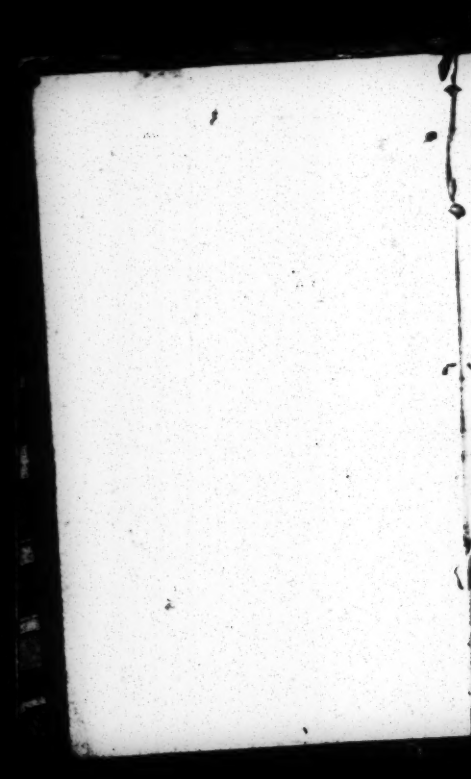
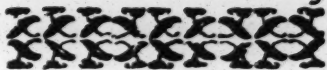


THE  
CONTRACT  
AND;  
TESTAMENT,  
OF THE SOVLE,



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THE  
CONTRACT  
OF THE SOVLE

*With Almighty God : for  
euery day in the Week.*

**I**N the Name of  
the Father, and of  
the Sonne, and of  
the holy Ghost . I

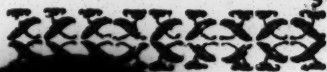
poore and miserable Soule,  
do heere make with your  
diuine Maiesty, O my God  
& Creatour, this Cōtract or

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diuine Maiesty , O my God

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Bargaine, by vertue wherof  
I wholly deliuer vp my selfe  
into your diuine hands, and  
consecrate my selfe vnto  
you, for your Handmaid &  
Espouse, or rather, for a per  
petuall Bondslaue, With re  
solue and firme purpose to  
accomplish, with all my  
strength, & a perfect denial  
of my selfe, your most ho  
ly, most iust, and most vp  
right Will, in all things.

And for this cause, with  
my owne Hand, or rather  
with all the force & power  
of my Hart, I now enrole  
in the very Center thereof,  
this

*Of the Soule.* 5

this Contract & Oblation, with such Intention, force, efficacy, Donation, and Resignation, as you O my God, can comprehend to be the best that my soule is able to performe: and with full and absolute resolution do offer vp my selfe, wholly, & entierly vnto you, without any contradiction, or reservation.

And this, O my Lord, I desire to be performed in the best manner, with most proper and fittest words, clauses, and conditions that it ought, and may be performed.

formed. For confirmation  
and establishment wherof,  
I bring as witnesses, the  
most Sacred Virgin Mary,  
Queene of Heauen, & the  
most holy Angels, with all  
the other Cittizens of the  
celestial Court, of whome I  
most hūbly craue, that they  
would obtayne of you, O  
my God, grace that I may  
performe with all my hart  
this Oblation, which heere  
I make to your greater glo-  
ry, honour, & praise; whom  
prostrate with al profound  
reuerence, and lowest sub-  
mission, I adore and wor-  
ship,

ship, with the greatest affection that you, O my Lord God, know may be giuē by all your creatures together.

And I most humbly beseech you, by your immense Goodnes & Mercy, that you would vouchsafe louingly to receyue this Contract, & scale it in Heauen, in presence of your most Bl. Mother, and all your heavenly Court aforelaid, and there enrol, & cōfirme it for euer.

The Contract therefore, & Agreement which I desire to make with you, is this; that as often as either

in silence and secret of my  
Hart, or else with exterior  
signe I shall utter from my  
hart, Aspirations, or Sighes  
to you, O Lord; you would  
vouchsafe of your ineffable  
mercy and goodnes to ac-  
cept, & receyue them from  
me, most base & vile Crea-  
ture, in such manner, as I  
shall now declare.

## S V N D A V

*The 1. Aspiration, which is,  
of Oblation.*

**A**S often, sweet Iesu, as  
I shall sigh, or with  
my hart, or mouth shal say,  
O Iesu, Treasure of my soule,  
I of-

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I offer vnto you, and so passing no further, shall there end ; I intend to offer vp vnto your diuine Maiesty, with the greatest affection and efficacy, that is possible for me, all this which followeth.

1. First, I offer vp my selfe, both soule and body, together with all my thoughts, words, and workes, perfectly denying my selfe, and resigning my selfe wholly to your holy will, in such sort, as I desire, or refuse nothing, but how, when, & how much it shall please

A S you,

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you, renouncing ( as I do  
renounce) the world, the  
Diuell, and the flesh, with  
all that they cā affoord me.

2. I offer vnto you, all the  
Riches, & Treasures of the  
world, with such affection  
& desire, as if it were in my  
power, I would wholly im-  
ploy thē all in your seruice.

3. I offer vnto you, O Lord,  
all the shame, infamy, deri-  
sions, that vntill this houre  
haue byn, or may be offe-  
red vnto all the men that  
are, or euer were: so that if  
it w<sup>e</sup> e your diuine plea-  
sure, I wold most willingly  
&



& ioyfully suffer the all for  
your loue.

4. I offer vnto you all the  
paynes, griefes torments,  
labours, distresses, perplexi-  
ties, infirmities of body &  
soule, that euen vntill this  
present houre haue, or may  
be suffered by any in this  
World, Purgatory, or Hell.  
s, I offer vp also, all the  
good workes, thoughts, or  
words, which all the Saints  
haue done, thought, or said,  
to please and serue you; so  
that if it were in my power  
I would do, say, and thinke  
them all for your sake, with

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a most pure intention, and  
earnest desire highly to  
please you.

6. To conclude, I offer vp  
vnto you, O my Lord, all the  
labours, paines, tribulations,  
discomforts, and desolations  
of soule & body, which you  
shall be pleased that I suf-  
fer for your diuine loue.

M V N D A Y.

*The II. Aspiration, of  
Petition.*

**A**S often, good Lord, as  
sighing I shall say; O  
my God, I aske you &c. and  
without proceeding any  
further, shall there cease; I  
intend

Intend to aske both for my  
selfe, & others these things  
that follow.

1. That you would vouch-  
safe to grāt me all that you  
haue taught me to demand  
in the *Pater Noster*.

2. Pardon for my sinnes, &  
that by your infinite mer-  
cy, you would be pleased so  
to preserve me, as that I  
may neuer commit them  
any more.

3. True knowledge of my  
owne Misery, and your  
Greatnes.

4. The giftes of the holy  
Ghost, & all other vertues,  
chiefly

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chiefly, humility, obediēce,  
patience, & whatsoeuer you  
O Lord, shall see to be most  
necessary for me.

5. That you would cōmu-  
nicate your diuine light &  
assistance, and conserue in  
your grace and loue, all  
faythfull people, especially  
Kings, Princes, Rulers, Bi-  
shops, Clergy, and all Reli-  
gious persons.

6. That you would succour,  
and ayd all Christians, both  
aliue and dead, all my pa-  
rents and kinsfolks, friends  
and enemies, benefactors,  
and all others, who haue  
spe.

ſpecially recommended them-  
ſelues to my poore praierſ.

7. That you would giue me  
grace to imitate the Saints,  
and your Glorious Mother  
the bleſſed Virgin Mary.

8. Finally, that you would  
beſtow vpon me, all that you  
haue, al you know me capa-  
ble off, & all that you are;  
that you wold cōform me,  
& vnite me vnto you, with  
an inuiolable bōd of loue.

T V E S D A Y.

*The III. Aſpiration, of  
Thankes giuing.*

**E** Very tyme, that I ſhall  
with a deepe ſigh, fetch  
theſe

these words from the bottom of my hart, O my most benigne & gracious Father, I giue you hartly thākes &c. and shall there breake off, I intend to thāke you with all my hart, & with all my soule for these benefits which heere I shall recour.

1. For that you haue vouchsafed to create me to your owne image & likenes, giuing me a soule with all its powers, and a perfect body, with all its senses.

2. For that you haue conferred me, & kept me vntil this present houre, & haue  
created

created all things visible & inuisible for my cōseruatiō.

3. For that through your infinite goodnes & mercy you haue redeemed me, humbling your selfe for my sake euen vnto death, suffering, through the whole course of your life, labours, paynes, and in conclusion & period therof, a most bitter death.

4. For that you haue loued me with an Eternall, and perpetuall Loue.

5. For that by holy Baptisme, you haue adopted me your sonne, infusing Grace,  
B . charity,

charity, and other Vertues into my soule, making me a liuely Temple of the holy Ghost, adorned with many gracious gifts, not suffering me to haue byn some Turke, lew, or Infidell.

6. For that of your infinite Charity you haue drawne me out of the vgly sepulcher of sinne, in which I haue layne so long time entombed, & ouerwhelmed.

7. For that you haue graciously preserued me to do penance.

8. For that you did not straight way condemne me

to



to Hel, as my sins deserued.

9. For that instead of punishing me, you did most lovingly admonish me, visit me with your holy inspirations: haue called me efficaciously, broken my chaynes, changed my delights, renewed my ill habits & customs, deliuered me from the thraldom and bondage of the Diuell: & as a Sōne, haue receiued me vnder the safeguard of your mercy.

10. For that you haue preuented me with blessings of your sweetnesse; since I could not haue turned vn-

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to you, if you had not awa-  
ked me .

11. For that you haue pre-  
serued me from innumera-  
ble euills, dāgers, & snares.

12. For that you haue insti-  
tuted for my sake the soue-  
raigne, & wholsome Sacra-  
ments, fountaines of grace.

13. For that I haue recei-  
ued from your gracious  
hād many particuler bene-  
fits , which you haue not  
done to others ; some that  
I know, others vnknowne  
vnto me; so much the more  
franke and liberall, by how  
much the more hidden and  
secret.

14. Fi-

*of the Soule.* 21

14. Finally for that ( as I trust in your goodnes ) you haue ordained me to life euerlasting.

W E D N E S D A Y.

*The I V. Aspiration, of  
Prayse.*

**A**S often, as with affection I shall say, O wonderfull Lord I prayse you &c.

First, I intend to giue all the prayses which all the men that euer were, are, or shall be, haue, do, or shall giue vnto you, as also all the prayses which through negligence, and carelesnesse

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they haue forgotten to giue vnto you.

2. All the prayſes that are written of you in the Old, and New Teſtament, or in all the Bookes that euer were, or ſhall be, to the worlds end.

3. I giue you alſo with all my hart, thoſe praifes which all the Angels and Saints in Heauen do daily ſing vnto you.

4. Thoſe alſo, which your moſt holy Mother did giue vnto you, and thoſe with which your Humanity it ſelfe did magnify you.

5. All the prayſes, with

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which infinit worlds, infinite angels infinit creatures may possibly prayse you.

6. Lastly, for the full accomplishing of these praises, I desire if it were possible, to haue all the harts that euer you did create, or can create; the hart of the B V. your holy mother; & if you will be pleased to giue me, leaue to say for your owne Hart it selfe.

THVRSDAY.

*The V. Aspiration, of Conformity.*

**A**S often as I shall say,  
My God, conforme me

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&c.

*Ec.* I do intend to bind vp  
all my Imperfections ioint-  
ly in one bundle, and to cast  
them, O Lord, into the fla-  
ming furnace of your di-  
uine Loue, and with a most  
feruent desire, seeke the  
most perfect imitation of  
you: and chiefly in the per-  
fection of those vertues,  
which did more eminently  
shine in you, to wit, Loue,  
Humility, Meeknes, most  
constant Patience in all af-  
flictions, Paines, Torments,  
and the like.

of the Soule. 23

FRIDAY.

*The V I. Aspiration, of  
Vnion.*

**A**S often, O Lord, as I shall say, O God, chiefe *Treasure of my Soule*, vnite me vnto your Selfe, with an *unseparable bond*, &c. I intēd with all the affection & inward desire of my Hart, to yield my will wholly, entierly, and perfectly vnto your diuine pleasure, absolutely denying my selfe, without euer recalling this my full Determination; in such sort, that I desire nothing which you do not

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desire, nor loue any thing  
which may displease you, &  
in all occurrents whatsoe-  
uer, good or ill, your most  
holy will, & pleasure to re-  
mayne mine, in lieu of my  
greatest desires, greatest de-  
light, & greatest comfort.

**S A T U R D A Y.**

*The VII. Aspiration in gene-  
rall, for euery houre of  
the day.*

**A**S often as I shall say,  
O my God, & all thing-  
es &c. I intend in silence,  
and in the bottom of my  
hart to do, say, and aske all  
that which is contained in  
the



the aforesaid Aspirations:  
that is, I intend to Offer, to  
Aske, to Giue thanks, to  
Prayse, Conforme, and to  
Vnite my selfe, most perfe-  
ctly with your diuine Maie-  
sty. Amen.

*Certaine Aduertisements  
touching the Practice of  
the aforesaid Aspirations.*

**T**He first is, not to con-  
temne, or make small  
account of this spirituall  
Negociation with God, and  
of this admirable māner of  
Prayer, because it seemeth  
so playne and easy. For first  
it is certaine, that God hea-  
reth,

reth, and vnderstandeth the  
sighes, and aspirations of  
one that is contrite & hum-  
ble, & knoweth how farre  
his affection reacheth, and  
intendeth. Secōdly, the in-  
tention giueth all the per-  
fection to the worke; in so  
much that if one do many  
good workes without a  
right intention, he shal me-  
rit nothing: as cōtrariwise,  
if he do the least worke  
with a true and sincere in-  
tention, inflamed with the  
loue of God, without doubt  
his gaine shal be very great.

The 2. Aduertisement is,  
that

that at the beginning of this forsaide Exercise of Devotion, it is good to read often over, to renew, & repeat these Couenants and Contracts made betweene God and vs, and that from the very bottome of our hearts, and in good earnest, as a thing which is done in the sight of Gods diuine Maiesly. For by this meanes there is quickly obtayned a great facility and dexterity to stand stedfastly in all occasions of temptations: and this is cōtayned in the first words of the Aspiration,

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The 3. Aduertisement is, to repeat oftentimes a day these Aspirations, and to frame the same by word, or thought. For by how more often they shalbe repeated, so much greater wil the profit be: and the Soule in very short time, shall be rayled vp as much towards heauenly things, and vnited to her soueraigne good, as she will be free from those which be terrene, and transitory.

The 4. is, that in the for-  
said Aspirations, when there  
is mention made of leauing  
*All*

*All things*, or the like, it is to be vnderstood concerning the affection to such things, in those persōs as do actually possesse the same, so that they would be ready to forsake them, if they vnderstood, that it would be more pleasing to Almighty God.

Finally it is to be noted, that when this Contract is made with God, there is no meaning to make any Vow or Promise, obliging vnder sinne; but only to offer vp ones selfe vnto the diuine Maiesty, with a great and effi-

efficacious desire, to do that  
which may please him most  
*Other Aspirations, for euery  
Houre of the Day.*

**T**O loue (as *S. Thomas*  
sayth) is as much as to  
seeke, and desire that which  
is Good: and no man can  
desire any greater Good to  
Almighty God, then that  
which he already enioieth.  
And so may we desire and  
wish vnto Almighty God  
those infinite Treasures of  
all goodnes [which already  
be bath, reioycing in our  
harts, and congratulating  
with him, that he possesseth  
so

to infinite a Treasure: the which is a most high kind of louing him. This may be performed in manner as followeth.

*The I. Houre.*

**O** My God, be you God as you are, both now and euer. I truly do reioyce in soule for that you are: you haue infinite Power, be you O Lord, omnipotent, as you are. You haue infinite Wisdom, for which I am wonderfully glad, possesse that infinite Wisdome as you do possesse it. You haue infinite Goodnesse, infinite  
C Chari-

Charity, infinite Clemency; enioy O Lord, that infinite Goodnes, Charity, Clemency, as you do enioy it. You are infinite glorious, infinite happy, without limit or end; be you stil with all my hart, infinite glorious, infinite happy, without limit, or end, as you are.

*The 11. Houre.*

**Y** Ou o Lord, are Three & yet but one, Father, Sonne, & Holy Ghost, three distinct Persons, & one only true God; be you alwayes Three and one, as you are. You are Creatour of all things:



things: you are our Saviour:  
you are he that giveth both  
to vs, & to the Angels glo-  
ry: be you still the same as  
you are, for I greatly re-  
ioyce therat.

*The III. Houre.*

**Y**ou, O Lord, know  
your selfe with an in-  
finite knowledge; know  
your selfe still O Lord, with  
the same infinite knowled-  
ge as you do, for that an in-  
finite knowledge futech  
wel with an infinite Truth.  
You loue your selfe with an  
infinite Loue, loue your self  
O Lord with an infinite  
C 2                      Loue,

Loue, as you do; for an infinite Loue well benefitteth an infinite Goodnes. You, O Lord, do enioy your selfe with an infinite Ioy; let it be so, O Lord, for that an infinite Ioy wel sutcheth with an infinite Glory.

*The 1 V.*

**Y** Ou O Lord, are Lord of all, whom the Angels and Saints in Heauen, and men on earth loue, prayse, and serue: Be you still, O Lord, Lord of all; & let all that are in heauen & in earth loue, praise, and serue you without end. O Lord, that I could cōuert al

the Infidels, misbelieuers,  
& sinners of the world! And  
thar I could hinder that  
none should euer offend  
you! And that al should tru-  
ly, and humbly obey and  
serue you, in all whatsoeuer  
you desire! Do you, O Lord,  
that which I desire: cause  
all to employ themselves  
in your holy seruice, from  
henceforth for euermore.

*The V.*

**O** My God most power-  
full & most amiable,  
you are my Creatour, my  
Gouernour, my Conseruer,  
my Sauour, my Redeemer,

C 3 my

my Being, my Life, my  
Wisdome, my only & chie-  
fest Good, my Shephcard,  
my Phisitian, my Defender,  
my Maister, my Riches, my  
Inheritance, my Treasure,  
my Hope, my Refuge, my  
stréngth, my Ioy, my Mirth,  
my Glory, my Beatitude; let  
me loue you with all my  
hart, as I ought in acknow-  
ledgement, & gratitude of  
so many benefits, as I haue  
receiued, & euery moment  
do receiue frō your infinit  
mercy. *The VI,*

**O** You beloued of my  
soule, I would to god,  
I had neuer offended you!

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**O** who can loue you with  
a measure of loue equall to  
your Loue & desert. O that  
my soule were capable of  
an infinit loue, that I might  
wholy imploy it ypon you.

*The VII.*

**O** You desired of my  
Hart, you are wholly  
amiable, & louely vnto me:  
for that all whatsoeuer is  
in you, is goodnes it selfe. O  
that all that is in me, were  
as amiable in your sight.

*The VIII.*

**O** My highest good, who  
deserue to be loued  
with an infinit loue of infi-

nite Lovers, if they could  
be found. *The IX.*

**O** That the day were  
come, in which I  
might behold you face to  
face, that so I might be ra-  
uished with your ioue, for it  
is impossible to behold you  
& not be wholly enamou-  
red of you. *The X.*

**O** That I had so many  
harts as you have be-  
flowed creatures on me for  
my seruice, that were able  
all I might loue and glorify  
you, paying thereby the  
debt which they themselves  
are not able, & with which  
I am charged for their sake.

*The XI.*

**O** You eternall Lover,  
who shall loue you,  
without ceasing! O that I  
had alwayes loued you fro  
the first moment that I was  
cōcerned! For you haue lo-  
ued me from all eternity.

*The XII.*

**O** My Soule, differre no  
longer to loue God;  
for although it be very late,  
yet now I say, begin out of  
thy heart to loue him who hath  
alwayes loued thee. Loue  
that infinite Lover, who fro  
all eternity, hath employed  
himselfe in louing of thee.



THE  
TESTAMENT  
OF THE SOVLE.

Made by S. Charles Borrom.  
Card. & Arch. of Millan.

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*An Aduertisement to the  
denout Reader.*

I. **T**He denout Person  
who will make vse  
of this spiritua<sup>l</sup> Writing,  
for the good of his soule,  
let him read, or heare it  
read often, especially when  
he hopes he is in state of  
Grace, after Confession &



& Cōmunion. And let him keep it in some place of note, & neere vnto him: & when he goeth any iourney, let him carry the same alwayes with him to haue it ready vpon all occasions. And whē he shall fall sicke, after Cōfession let him renew, by reading, or hearing read, this Testamēt, in presence of others, confirming finally what he hath formerly at other times promised, & bequeathed for the good of his Soule.

2. This Testament may be made by all sorts of Persons, & at al times, writing

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or causing to be written  
their Names, at the end of  
the Protestations follow-  
ing, in manner of subscrip-  
tion, or sea ling. And be that  
cannot write, let him make  
a Crosse (†) thus, or some  
such marke.

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★ *Kneeling, standing, or sit-  
ting in devout manner, be-  
fore some Altar, or Orato-  
ry, say as followeth*

*In the Name of the Father,  
& of the Sonne, and of the  
holy Ghost. Amen.*

**I** N. N. a most miserable  
Sinner, knowing my  
selfe

selfe to be mortal, & borne  
to dye, without knowing  
the houre, where, when, or  
how; to the end that I be  
not surprised vpon a sudaine  
am resolved through the  
help, and aide of my sweet  
Saviour, to make my selfe  
ready for this vncertaine  
Houre, seeing he vouchsa-  
feth me now a fit time.  
Wherefore sincerely from  
the bottom of my Hart, I  
giue the world to vnderstand  
of this my last Wil. & testa-  
ment, in manner following.

I.

**F**irst, I heere protest, and  
declare in the sight, &

presence of Almighty God,  
Father , Sonne , and holy  
Ghost, three Persons, & one  
God; and of the B. V. Mary,  
and of all the holy Court of  
Heaven, that I will live and  
dye obedient vnto the Ca-  
tholike, Romaine , & Apo-  
stolicke Church, firmly be-  
lieuing all the twelue Arti-  
cles of the Fayth taught by  
the holy Apostles, with the  
interpretation, & declara-  
tion made thereon by the  
same holy church, as taught  
defined & declared by her.  
And finally I protest, that I  
do believe all that, which a  
good & faithfull Christian

ought to believe: In which  
faith I purpoſeto liue & die.  
And if at any time ( which  
God forbid ) I ſhould chāce  
by ſuggeſtion of the diuell  
to do, ſay, or thinke cōtrary  
to this my beliefe, I do now  
for that time, in vertue of  
this preſent act, reuoke, in-  
fring, & annull the ſame, &  
will that it be held for nei-  
ther spokē, or done by me.

II.

**S**Econdly. By this my laſt  
Will I proteſt, that, at  
my death I will receiue the  
ſacramēts of Pennance, &  
Confession, the which if by  
any accident I ſhould not

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be able to haue, or make, I  
do in vertue of this pre-  
sent, resolute from this in-  
stant, for that time, to make  
it frō my hart, accusing my  
selfe of all my sins cōmit-  
ted in Thought, Word, &  
Worke, as wel against God  
as against my selfe and my  
neighbour, wherof I do re-  
pent me with infinite sor-  
row, & desire time of pen-  
nance, bitterly to bewaile  
the same; for that I haue of-  
fēded my Soueraigne Lord  
& God, whome I ought to  
loue and serue aboue all  
things. The which I now  
firme-

firmely purpose, with his  
grace, to do as lōg as I shall  
liue, without euer more of-  
fending him.

III.

**I** Tem, I do protest, that  
at the end of my life, I  
will receiue the most Bles-  
sed Sacrament for my *Via-*  
*ticum*, or last iourney, that  
by meanes of so diuine a  
Pledge, I may perfectly re-  
cōcile & vnite my selfe vn-  
to my Lord. The which if  
through any accidēt, I should  
not then be able to perfor-  
me, I do now for that time,  
declare, that I will receiue

D it,

it, at least spiritually in wil,  
adoring & most hūbly be-  
seeching my Saviour, that  
he will be pleased to assist  
me in so dāgerous a voyage  
& defend me from the sna-  
res, & decits of my infer-  
nal Enemies, & to conduct  
me to the secure Hauen of  
his Eternall Blisse.

## I V.

**I** Tem. I protest that I wil  
also passe out of this life,  
armed with the last Sacra-  
ment of Extreme Vnction:  
the which if through any  
let, or hinderance, I should  
not then be able to haue, I  
do



do now also, for that time  
demaūd, & craue the same;  
beseeching his diuine Ma-  
iesty that he wil be pleased  
to anoint my Senses both  
internall and external, with  
the sacred oile of his infinit  
Merçy, & to pardō me al my  
sins committed, by Seeing,  
Speaking, Tasting, Touch-  
ing, Smelling, Hearing, or  
any other way whatsoeuer.

V.

**I** Tem. I do by this present  
protett, that I will neuer  
through any temptation  
whatsoeuer, despaire of the  
diuine Goodnes, for the

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multitude and greatnes of my sinnes, for which although I cōfesse, that I haue deserued Hel; yet wil I steadfastly hope in Gods infinit Mercy, knowing that he hath hertofore pardoned many grieuous sinners, wherof I haue good warrant, sealed with his sacred mouth, in holy Writ, whereby he pronounceth, *that he is not come to call the iust, but sinners.*

V I.

**I** Tem. I protest that I do not know, that I haue euer done any good worke  
meri-

meritorious of life euerlasting: & if I haue done any, I acknowledge that I haue done it with a great deale of negligence, & imperfection; neither should I haue bin able to haue done the least, without the assistance of his diuine grace. Wherefore let the diuell remaine confounded, for I do in no wise presume to merit heauen by such good Workes alone: but through the merits, & bloud of my Lord and Sauour *Iesus*, shed vpon the Crosse for me most miserable sinner.

**I** Tem, I protest by this present Writing, that I will patiētly endure, & suffer all kind of infirmity, sicknesse, yea & the paine of death it selfe: wherein if it should happē, which God forbid, that through violence of paine & agony, or by subtilty of the Diuell, I should fall into any impatience, or tēptation of blasphemy, or murmuration against God or the Catholike Fayth, or giue any signe of bad exāple, I do henceforth, & for that present, repent

repent me, & am most hartily sorry for the same: & I do renounce all the euill whatsoeuer, which I might haue then done, or said, beseeching his diuine Clemency, that he will not forsake me in that grieuous & painefull Conflict.

VIII.

**I** Tem. By vertue of this present Testament, I do pardon all the iniuries and offences that any one hath euer done vnto me, either in my reputatiō, life, goods or any other way whatsoeuer; beseeching sweet *Iesus*

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to pardon the for the same,  
& I desire, that they wil doe  
the like by me, whome I  
haue offended, or iniured in  
any sort howsoeuer.

I X.

**I** Tem. I heere protest, that  
I do render infinit than-  
kes to his diuine Maiesty,  
for all the benefits that I  
haue receiued, as wel secret  
as manifest, & in particular,  
for the benefit of my Crea-  
tion, Redemption, Sanctifi-  
cation, Conseruation, & Vo-  
cation to the holy know-  
ledge of him, and his true  
Catholike fayth: but aboue  
all, for his so great expecta-

tion of me to pennance,  
when he might most iustly  
haue taken me out of this  
life, when I least thought  
therof: yea euē then, when  
I was plüged in the durty  
puddle of my sins. Blessed  
be therfore & praysed, for  
euer & euer, his infinite Pa-  
tience and Charity.

X.

**I** Tem. I protest, that I am  
willing, yea I do infinit-  
ly desire, & humbly craue,  
that of this my last Will &  
Testament the glorious, &  
euer Virgin Mary mother  
of God, Refuge and Advo-

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cate of sinners ( whome I  
honour specially aboue all  
other Saints ) may be the  
chiefe Executresse , togea-  
ther with these other saints  
my Patrons, [            ]  
all whom I inuoke, and be-  
seech to be present at the  
houre of my death, that she  
& they may cōfort me with  
their desired presence, and  
craue of sweet *Iesus*, that he  
will receiue my soule into  
peace,                      X.I.

**I** Tem. In vertue of this  
presēt writing I do like-  
wise most willingly, & with  
all humility cōstitute, & or-  
daine my good Angell, for



for Defender & Protector  
of my Soule in the dread-  
full day of iudgment, when  
the finall sentence of eter-  
nall life or death shalbe dis-  
cussed, & giuen: beseeching  
him, that as my soule was  
by my Creatour committed  
to his custody, & protection  
when I liued; euen so he  
wil vouchsafe to defend the  
same at that houre, & con-  
duct it to eternall Blisse.

XII.

**I** Tem. I do in like man-  
ner pray, & beseech all  
my deare friends, Parēts, &  
kinsfolks, by the bowels of  
our Sauour *Iesus Christ*,

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that, since it is vncertaine  
what lot will befall me, for  
feare notwithstanding least  
by reason of my sinnes, I be  
to passe, & stay a lōg while  
in Purgatory, they will  
vouchsafe to asist and suc-  
cour me with their holy  
praiers, & satisfactory wor-  
kes, especially with the ho-  
ly Sacrifice of the Masse, as  
being the most effectuell  
meanes to deliuer Soules  
from their tormēts & pai-  
nes; frō the which, if I shall  
by Gods gracious goodnes,  
& by their vertuous works  
be deliuered, I do promise  
that I wil not be vngrateful

vnto the, for so great a benefit.

XIII.

**I** Tem. By this my will & Testament, I bequeath my soule as soone as it shall be deliuered, & loosned from the prison of this my body, to be entomb'd in the sweet & amorous Coffin of the Side of *Iesus Christ*: & that in this life-giving-Sepulcher it may rest, & liue perpetually inclosed in that eternall habitatiō of Repose, there to blesse for euer and euer, that direfull Iron of the Launce, which like a sharp cutting Rasour, formed to sweet and pleasant

a monument, within the  
sacred breast of my Lord &  
Saviour.

## XIV.

**L**Astly, I do protest, that  
I will willingly accept  
of death, in what manner  
soever it may, or shall befall  
me, conforming my will vnto  
the will of God; accep-  
ting of the same in satisfac-  
tion for my sinnes, & gi-  
uing thanks vnto his di-  
uine Maiesty for the life he  
hath bestowed vpon me: &  
if it please him to prolong,  
or shorten the same, blessed  
be he also a thousand thou-  
sand times; into whose most

most holy hands I cōmend  
my soule, my body, my life,  
& my death: and I beseech  
him aboue all things, that  
he neuer permit any chan-  
ge to the made by me, of  
this my foresaid Will, and  
Testament. *Amen.*

§. Heere let him, write his  
Name and Quality, as  
followeth:

I [ ]  
haue made this present  
Writing of Protestation,  
Confession and Charter, in  
presence of the Blessed V.  
Ma. my Angell guardian, &  
all the celestiaall Court, as  
Witnesses heerunto: the

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Which, my meaning is, that  
it be of full value, now pre-  
sently, & for ever, with the  
force and vertue of Testa-  
ment, Codicil, & Donation,  
in case of death; confirming  
it a new, being in perfect  
health of soule and body, &  
signed with mine owne  
hād, carrying also the same  
continually about me: and  
for the better declaration  
herof, my Will & intention  
is, that it be finally buried  
with me, after my death.

*Having made this protesta-  
tion, let him say devoutly, Pa-  
ter, A. C. Creed.*

*FINIS.*

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